

PATENT APPLICATION

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence/post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR HANDLING ROD-SHAPED OBJECTS

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

() was filed in U.S. on _____
as U.S. Application Serial No. _____; or

(x) PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2004/014325 and was amended on
_____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

Foreign Application(s) and/or Claim of Foreign Priority

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor(s) certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor(s) certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country:</u>	<u>Application Serial No.:</u>	<u>Date Filed:</u> Day/Month/Year	<u>Priority Claimed:</u> Under 35 U.S.C. 119
Germany	10360160.0	20. Dec. 2003	X Yes No
			Yes No
			Yes No

U.S. Priority Claim

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the

date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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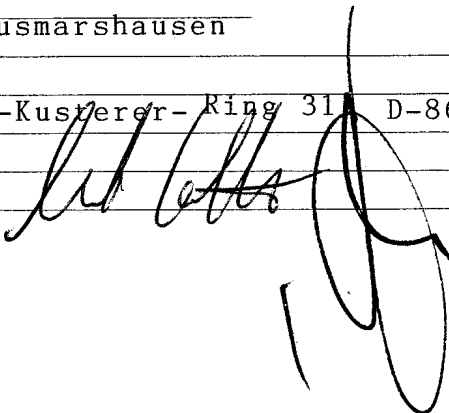
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